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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF FRENCH STEEL EXPORTS

1. PROMINENT FRENCH FIRM HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSIST-
ANCE IN OBTAINING PRECISE INFORMATION ON PROCEDURE FOR
GETTING QUOTE APPROVAL/CERTIFICATION UNQUOTE FROM
ASSOCIATION AMERICAN RAILROADS ENABLING IT TO EXPORT
FREIGHT CAR COMPONENTS TO U.S.. COMPANY IN QUESTION I
LICENSEE OF AMERICAN FIRM AND CURRENTLY PRODUCES
BOGIES AND WHEELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AAR SPECIFICA-
TIONS. TO DATE SOME SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MEXICO
UNDER TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION OF MISSOURI PACIFIC RAIL-
ROAD.

2. OTHER AMERICAN FREIGHT CAR BUILDERS ALSO INTERESTED
IN STEEL CASTINGS, COUPLERS, WHEELS AND OTHER ITEMS DUE
REPORTEDLY TO SHORTAGE FOUNDRY CAPACITY IN U.S.. FRENCH
COMPANY THUS NEEDS QUOTE AAR APPROVAL UNQUOTE TO ENABLE
U.S. END USERS TO UTILIZE FRENCH PRODUCTS IN CARS
PRODUCED FOR INTER-RAILWAY EXCHANGE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES
AND STEPS REQUIRED BY AAR TO SATISFY ABOVE MENTIONED
REQUIREMENTS.

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